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YUGOSLAVIA: Unrest in Kosovo

[redacted] nationalist unrest in Kosovo Province is worse than officially reported. The authorities admit that student demonstrations are continuing, that attacks on Serbs by Albanian nationalists are on the rise in some communities, and that unrest is spreading to the Albanian ethnic areas in Macedonia and Montenegro. The source estimates that over 10,000 people have been convicted of political crimes since the unrest began almost a year ago. The source claims that Kosovo is causing deepening divisions in the leadership. [redacted]

[redacted]: Albanian nationalists may attempt to incite more violence during the anniversary next month of the riots in 1981. Such unrest would in turn strengthen the determination of Serbian leaders to reassert tighter authority over Kosovo and their other "autonomous province," Vojvodina. The dispute over who should hold the balance of power in the federal system is likely to carry over into the political infighting before the party congress in June. [redacted]

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